

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application, Claims 1, 11, 21 and 26 having been amended by the present amendment.

Pursuant to the telephone communication with Examiner Ngo conducted on February 22, 2005, Claims 1, 11, 21 and 26 have been amended for clarification. As discussed during the telephone communication, these claim amendments do not give rise to further search and/or consideration, and thus it is respectfully requested that these claim amendments be entered in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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